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Remarks

Claims 1-10, 12, 14-15, 17-24, 26, 28-29, and 31-35 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 22 have been amended, and no claims have been added or canceled. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection of Claims 1-2, 7-10, 17-24, 26, 28-29, and 31-35 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Over Matsuura

Claims 1-2, 7-10, 17-24, 26, 28-29, and 31-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,075,568 issued to Matsuura ("Matsuura"). In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 22 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite a "processor for automatically compiling a historical list of the Internet addresses extracted from the plurality of electronic signals without requiring selection of the Internet addresses by the user, wherein the processor includes memory for storing the historical list and program source information indicating the program from which each Internet address was extracted" (emphasis added). Claim 22 has been similarly amended, where support for this amendment can be found at p. 7, lines 9-30 of the specification. No new matter has been entered.

In contrast, Matsuura discloses a system wherein Internet addresses are not stored as an address list automatically, but rather are stored in non-volatile memory only after selection by the user. In Matsuura's system, character broadcast program data is extracted from video signals and stored in a character broadcast data memory 7, while web site address data is extracted and stored in an Internet address memory 10 (see Matsuura, col. 5, lines 39-45 and 63-67). This Internet address memory 10 is provided with an address list area 10a used for storing Web site address data selected by the user. Only this address list area 10a may use a non-volatile memory, whereas other areas in the Internet address memory 10 correspond to

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data stored in the character broadcast data memory 7 and the data in those areas is erased when the system is turned off (see Matsuura, col. 4, lines 45-57).

When displaying character broadcast data, corresponding web site address data is read from memory 10 and supplied to the display circuit 6 (see Matsuura, col. 6, lines 1-13). While the picture P is displayed as shown in FIG. 3, if the user wants to register the Web site displayed as the Internet address data 24 for later use, the user can register the address from the operation panel such that the controller 8 stores the Web site address data displayed as Internet address data 24 in the address list area 10a (see Matsuura, col. 6, lines 39-50). Alternatively, if a user directly accesses any Web site displayed as Internet address data 24, the address data of the accessed Web site is registered in the address list area 10a (see Matsuura, col. 6, lines 61-64; col. 7, lines 14-17; col. 8, line 62 - col. 9, line 9; FIG. 6).

Consequently, with reference to FIG. 6, according to Matsuura's system the only two ways that a web site address can be stored in address list area 10a are selection by the user to register the address or selection by the user to access the web site corresponding to the address. Matsuura does not disclose or suggest automatically storing Internet addresses in memory without requiring selection of the Internet addresses by the user as claimed by Applicants. Therefore, Applicants believe that claims 1 and 22 are patentably distinguishable over Matsuura. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims, along with their corresponding dependent claims, is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 3-6, 12, and 14-15 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Over Matsuura

Claims 3-6, 12, and 14-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuura. Claims 3-6, 12, and 14-15 depend from and contain all the limitations of independent claim 1 which, for the reasons explained above, is believed to be patentably distinguishable over Matsuura. Therefore, Applicants also respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

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Conclusion

In summary, Applicants believe that the claims now meet all formal and substantive requirements and that the case is in appropriate condition for allowance. Accordingly, such action is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite allowance of the case or resolve any further questions, such a call is invited at the Examiner's convenience.

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